Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("——"), as is applicable:

1.   (Previously presented) An image capture appliance configured for connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the image capture appliance;

memory including logic configured to receive software via the network that facilitates communication between the image capture appliance and the device from a software source; and

a network interface device with which the image capture appliance communicates with the software source.

2.   (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.

3.   (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval only upon authorization received by a user of the appliance.

4. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, further comprising logic configured to actively retrieve software from the software source.

5. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.

6. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.

7. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to receive executables and data structures for accessing the device.

8. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a digital camera.

9. (Previously presented) An appliance configured for direct connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the appliance;

an acquisition module adapted to receive software that facilitates communication between the appliance and the device from a software source; and

a network interface device with which the appliance communicates with the software source

wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone.

10. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the acquisition module is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.

11. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, further comprising means for actively retrieving software from the software source.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.

14. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the appliance is a digital camera.

15.   (Previously presented) A network storage device, comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the device;

memory including logic configured to receive software that facilitates communication between a digital camera and a separate network device, and including logic configured to transmit software to the network appliance; and

a network interface device with which the network storage device communicates with the network appliance.

16.   (Previously presented) A method for enabling communications between an appliance and a separate device, wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone, the method comprising:

automatically receiving software with the appliance that facilitates communication between the appliance and the separate device; and

storing the software in memory of the appliance such that the appliance is adapted to communicate with the separate device.

17.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising receiving a notification from a source of software with the appliance regarding the availability of the software prior to receiving the software.

18.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising automatically searching for software over a network to which the appliance is connected.

19.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein automatically searching is conducted on a periodic basis.

20.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein automatically searching is conducted in response to a communication from the separate device.